

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 5, 2004, in which Claims 28 through 32 were rejected. Applicants have thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the reference cited therein. The following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action.

Claims 28 and 32 are amended herein. Claims 1 through 27 were previously cancelled. New Claims 33 through 43 are added for consideration at this time. Accordingly, Claims 28 through 43 are pending.

All the changes are made for clarification and are based on the application and drawings as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

With respect to paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 28 through 32 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,594,565.

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the double patenting rejection is now

overcome and should be reconsidered and withdrawn.

NEW CLAIMS 33 THROUGH 43

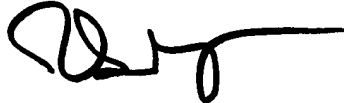
Applicants submit herewith new Claims 33 through 43. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are based upon the application as pending and that no new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending Claims 28 through 43 as currently presented are in condition for allowance. If, for any reason, the Examiner disagrees, please call the undersigned attorney at 248-433-7552 in an effort to resolve any matter still outstanding *before* issuing another action. The undersigned attorney is confident that any issue which might remain can readily be worked out by telephone.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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